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For: ENDOSCOPE SYSTEM HAVING CONSIDERATION TAKEN INTO EASE OF  
PASSING ELONGATED INSERTION UNIT

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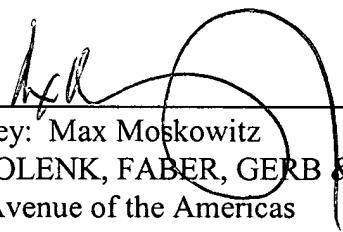
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Sir:

We filed the above application with the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 15, 2003.

As of this date, we have not received a first Office Action from the Patent Office. Kindly advise us of the status of this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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